

# **Action Agenda 1999-2004**

## **What the University of Louisville Will Do To Advance Kentucky's Reform of Postsecondary Education**

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### **What will it mean to be a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university?**

- Serving as a catalyst for change, a spark for new investment, and a creative force, along with the largest employers in Louisville, to provide distinctive educational opportunities to thousands of Kentuckians
- Building an excellent Logistics and Distribution Institute that responds to the workforce and research needs of the rapidly expanding logistics and distribution industries in Kentucky
- Developing 10 areas in health sciences, fundamental to the success of the Louisville Medical Center Development Corporation, as nationally recognized programs in academic medicine
- Increasing the number of endowed chairs and professorships to 65
- Fulfilling the postgraduate and technical workforce demand for the health care industry in the Louisville area; graduating more than 100 doctoral candidates annually
- Establishing an Office of Technology Development to contribute, as well as coordinate, support for new business startups and university-private partnerships
- Building on the achievements of UofL's Entrepreneurship, Engineering, and Law faculties to launch 20 new businesses in engineering, health sciences, or telecommunications
- Increasing research and development support to \$70 million per year
- Securing the resources to attract and retain outstanding faculty and staff
- Developing an early-childhood initiative that serves the young people and families of our community, and achieving national standing for teacher-preparation programs
- Implementing an Undergraduate Initiative that focuses faculty and staff on issues important to undergraduate students



- Designing and executing the Pathways to Success Program (a partnership with Jefferson Community College and Jefferson County Public Schools) to offer citizens the opportunity to build their credentials, to transfer qualified high school experiences to postsecondary education programs, to develop the academic confidence needed to meet career goals, and to follow a road map to graduation
- Blending the arts and humanities with economic and social needs to reinforce educational and cultural institutions of our community – such as outreach programs in West Louisville
- Recruiting academically talented students, with special emphasis on people of color, to achieve a 13.5-percent diversity mix
- Applying the resources of UofL's nationally ranked Urban and Metropolitan Studies program to analyze and solve problems in Louisville and Kentucky's other metropolitan communities; developing the lessons learned from this laboratory into strategies for other cities and governments
- Reaching an annual fundraising goal of \$55 million
- Increasing the endowment to \$500 million
- Developing a residential student population of about 5,000 (to be achieved by 2008) and the campus facilities to support those students

### **Why is it important for Kentucky to have a nationally recognized metropolitan university in Louisville?**

- For more than two centuries, the University of Louisville has served the residents of the Commonwealth's largest civic and financial center.
- The working people of the Louisville metropolitan area compose 29 percent of those employed in Kentucky. Louisville's average annual salary is nearly 25 percent higher than the average for the rest of the state.
- Not only do a metropolitan research university and its community help each other grow and prosper, but UofL and its region bear economic responsibilities for Kentucky's ambitious agenda for education and for the Commonwealth's policy goals.

### **How will UofL know whether it has done what it says it will do?**

- By measuring the university's accomplishment of the goals it has identified
- By gauging, from various economic, cultural, and civic indicators, the health of the metropolitan region and the university's impact on it
- By attaining membership of the Brandeis School of Law in the Order of the Coif (the premier honorary professional society for law)
- By qualifying as a candidate for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter
- By meeting the requirements for membership in the Association of Research Libraries